



AFFIDAVIT – VETERINARY REPORT

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, hereby make oath and declare in English as follows:

1.

I am an adult male veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) under registration number CS25/19195. I hold a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree (BVSc). I am currently employed by the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. I am competent to provide veterinary services and experienced in identifying clinical signs of neglect and cruelty in animals.

2.

The facts contained in this affidavit fall within my personal knowledge unless indicated otherwise or unless it appears so from the context. The facts are also, to the best of my knowledge and belief, both true and correct.

3.

On 28 August 2026, I conducted a clinical examination on a canine admitted into the care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA. The animal had been seized from a property situated at 69 Zakhele Street, Village 1 North, Khayelitsha, Cape Town, by Inspector Lwazi Ntungele under SPCA case number INSP236269.

3.1. ANIMAL INFORMATION:

The details of the animal are as follows:

- **Admission Number:** A101155
- **Species:** Canine
- **Breed:** Pitbull-type
- **Sex and Reproductive Status:** Male, sterilised
- **Colour and Markings:** White and tan
- **Microchip:** Unknown
- **Name:** Unknown

3.2. CLINICAL EXAMINATION FINDINGS:

Upon clinical examination, the following findings were recorded:

- **Body Condition Score:** 2/9 (very underweight/emaciated)
- **Weight:** 27 kg
- **Behaviour:** Bright, alert and responsive
- **External Parasites:** None noted
- **Dentition and Nails:** No abnormalities detected

Additional clinically significant findings:

- Generalised poor body condition with prominent bony structures and reduced muscle mass, consistent with significant emaciation.

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- Generalised hair loss was noted.
- A thickened, defective area was noted on the right ear. The appearance of this defect is consistent with possible previous trauma; however, the exact cause cannot be definitively established based on the clinical examination alone.
- The animal was reported to be exhibiting severe anorexia, which is of clinical concern in conjunction with the animal's markedly poor body condition.

4.

VETERINARY OPINION:

Based on the clinical examination findings, the animal was assessed as being emaciated, with a Body Condition Score of 2/9, generalised hair loss and a thickened defect affecting the right ear. The defect of the right ear may be attributable to previous trauma.

The animal's markedly poor body condition and reported severe anorexia are consistent with prolonged inadequate nutritional provision and substandard care. The overall clinical presentation raises significant concerns regarding neglect and failure to provide adequate care and nutrition.

The duration of the animal's poor body condition and associated suffering is assessed to have been present for a period of weeks to months.

5.

PROGNOSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The prognosis for the animal was considered good with appropriate veterinary care, nutrition, rehabilitation and monitoring.

Based on the severe neglect observed, including inadequate nutritional provision and poor overall care, it is recommended that the dog not be returned to the owner. The animal's condition raises significant concerns regarding its welfare and the owner's ability to provide appropriate care and meet its ongoing nutritional and welfare requirements.

Despite its circumstances, the dog displayed a gentle and affectionate temperament and interacted well with people. With appropriate veterinary care, rehabilitation and nutrition, the dog would be considered a suitable candidate for adoption into a responsible and appropriate home.

6.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the clinical examination revealed significant emaciation, with a Body Condition Score of 2/9, generalised hair loss, severe anorexia and a defect affecting the right ear. The animal's markedly poor body condition is indicative of prolonged inadequate nutritional provision and substandard care.

The degree of emaciation and associated loss of body condition would have resulted in significant compromise to the animal's physical welfare and would have caused ongoing discomfort, weakness and distress. The animal would have experienced prolonged hunger and inadequate nutritional support, with the condition assessed to have developed over a period of weeks to months. The duration and severity of the condition indicate that the animal's suffering was not merely acute or incidental, but had persisted for an extended period.

I, **Dr. Leon Hector**, hereby further make oath and declare in English as follows:

Although the animal was bright, alert and responsive at the time of examination, this does not exclude or negate the suffering associated with its markedly poor body condition. Animals may remain behaviourally responsive despite experiencing significant and prolonged physical compromise.

The clinical findings are consistent with severe neglect and a failure to provide adequate nutrition and appropriate care. In my professional opinion, the animal's welfare was substantially compromised for a prolonged period, and intervention was necessary to prevent further deterioration and suffering.

It is recommended that the canine not be returned to the owner due to the evidence of severe neglect and inadequate care. In the interest of the dog's ongoing welfare and well-being, placement in a suitable and responsible home through adoption is strongly recommended.

The dog has a gentle and affectionate temperament and would be considered an excellent candidate for rehoming with an owner capable of providing appropriate nutrition, veterinary care, attention and general welfare.

The animal should continue to receive appropriate veterinary treatment, nutritional support and monitoring until such time as it is considered clinically stable and suitable for rehoming.

7.

I know and understand the content of this declaration.

I have no objection to taking the prescribed oath.

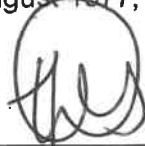
I consider the prescribed oath to be binding on my conscience.



DEPONENT

Dr. Leon Hector (BVSc)

The deponent has acknowledged that he knows and understands the contents of this affidavit/declaration, which was signed and sworn to before me at SPCA COGH on this the 28 day of August 2026, the regulations contained in Government Notice No R1258 of 21 July 1972, as amended, and Government Notice No R1648 of 19 August 1977, as amended, having been complied with.



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